

Eddy Farm Shiitake

Middlebury, VT



On the Eddy Farm in Middlebury Vermont a new local agroforestry crop is beginning to sprout. Gourmet shiitake mushrooms grown outdoors on forest logs are prized not only for their culinary and medicinal properties, but also provide an opportunity to produce a sustainable agricultural product helping to increase the diversity in our local food base.



In an attempt to meet demand, EFS proposes purchasing 500 inoculated fruiting logs to add to the 800 fruiting logs we currently have in production. This 162% increase in production capacity would necessitate significant infrastructure modifications to our laying yard. In order to fruit 1300 logs EFS proposes adding another 375 gallon galvanized stock tank (used to fruit logs), running a permanent water line to the yard, and setting telephone poles to serve as a permanent sturdy base for a shade structure.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$3,000.00

Total Match provided by Eddy Farm Shiitake —\$960.07